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SUBJECT: NSSM 232: SVALBARD (SPITZBERGEN)

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1. DUTCH HAVE MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING SVALBARD DURING PAST TWO YEARS.

2. IN DECEMBER 1974 MFA TOLD US THAT GON WAS DEFINITELY CONSIDERING FILING RESERVATION WITH NORWEGIANS REGARDING DUTCH RIGHTS ON SVALBARD CONTINENTAL SHELF (THE HAGUE 5992, EXDIS). VAN SOEST, NORTHERN EUROPE DIRECTOR IN MFA, TOLD EMBOFF NOV 6 THAT DUTCH DID MAKE POINT TO NORWEGIANS, BUT NOT VIA A FORMAL RESERVATION. DUTCH PROPOSITION CONVEYED TO NORWEGIANS IN JANUARY 1975 DURING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. VAN SOEST NOTED THAT SVALBARD REMAINS A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE WITH NORWEGIANS AND SOVIETS. NORWEGIANS HAVE, HE SAID, AVOIDED HAVING ISSUE DISCUSSED IN ANY DEPTH AT NATO. HE SAID THAT NORWEGIAN MINISTER EVENSEN WOULD BE IN THE HAGUE NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF A NORWEGIAN 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AND THAT SVALBARD MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THAT CONNECTION.

4. VAN SOEST REPEATED GON'S DESIRE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH USG ON SECRET

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THE ISSUE AND SAID THAT CONTACT IN PAST BETWEEN DUTCH

EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND NORWEGIAN DESK IN DEPT HAD BEEN USEFUL.
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